



## PGY2



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**Why Cincinnati VA?:** As a pharmacy student I had the opportunity to work with the veteran population on several of my APPE rotations. During this time, I witnessed how pharmacists can make a difference and better the veterans physical and mental health by practicing at the top of their license. I gained a passion for working with veterans so I decided to pursue a PGY1 position within the NWI Healthcare system. Here I narrowed down my pharmacy interest further to working with the mental health patients. During the PGY2 interview process it was evident that the preceptors and the RPD have a passion for providing a great learning environment for the residents. The Cincinnati VA offers a variety of inpatient and outpatient psychiatric pharmacy experience opportunities which will help prepare me to become a well-rounded psychiatric pharmacist.

**Area of Interest:** Psychiatry and Geriatrics

## PGY1s



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### **Why Cincinnati VA?**

As a child of a retired veteran, serving this vulnerable and often forgotten patient population is near and dear to my heart. My father served in the Air Force for 21 years, and his sacrifice and dedication taught me flexibility, discipline, hard work, and integrity are what take you further in life. The military and its surrounding culture are such a unique niche, filled with a variety of diverse individuals, who all share the same serving mindset. Because of my past experience, I have witnessed firsthand how critical and important transitions of care and active management of chronic disease states are on patient outcomes. My goal is to provide every veteran the best patient care and dedication they deserve. The Cincinnati VA provides a wonderful learning opportunity and many electives through its pharmacy residency program. Through this residency, I hope to actively engage with patients in a meaningful manner to increase their safety and quality of life, and I am thrilled to do it alongside a brilliant team.

**Areas of interest:** Ambulatory Care (Primary Care), Teaching, Pain Management, Women's Health



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### **Why Cincinnati VA?**

The Cincinnati VAMC offers a variety of strong inpatient and outpatient learning opportunities that pharmacy residents encounter, and they offer a PGY2 Psychiatric which piqued my interest. However, the preceptors' passion and kindness during my interview really drew me into loving the Cincinnati VA. I genuinely believe that everyone at the VA wants their co-workers to succeed and is willing to go out of their way to get to know you even during the short time we had in the interview process. I am excited to be a part of a team that is so devoted to providing the best education for their residents but also providing high quality patient care to our

veterans. This year, I look forward to advancing my clinical knowledge and skills to become a well-rounded pharmacist in both the inpatient and outpatient setting!

**Areas of interest:** Psychiatry, infectious disease, critical care, ambulatory care



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**Why Cincinnati VA?**

As a pharmacy student, I had the opportunity to complete APPE rotations within the VA Health Care System. The commitment to excellent patient care and lifelong learning exemplified by my VA preceptors greatly impacted me as a student and inspired me to pursue residency training within the VA. During the residency application process, I was impressed by the wide variety of both inpatient and outpatient experiences offered by the Cincinnati VA. While interviewing, I could tell that the preceptors at the Cincinnati VA were invested in their residents and passionate about advocating for their patients. I am excited for all the growth and learning that this year has in store!

**Areas of interest:** Ambulatory Care (Primary Care), Geriatrics, Mental Health, Precepting



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**Why Cincinnati VA?:** I am incredibly fortunate to be able to say that the opportunity to pursue residency at the Cincinnati VA came unexpectedly for me and ended up being exactly what I was looking for in a program. Among the largest VAMC's, residents are trained to become well-rounded clinicians with a variety of rotation choices in both inpatient and

outpatient settings. In addition, residents are trained to staff both inpatient and outpatient pharmacy, ensuring a breadth of experience. As an intern, I worked in a community and inpatient pharmacy, and I did not want to give up the balance of those experiences. I am also interested in more Ambulatory Care rotations, in which the CVAMC has ample opportunity. The CVAMC is also located in a unique location that offers the opportunity to serve Veterans in three different states without requiring separate licenses!

**Area of Interest:** Ambulatory Care, Outpatient/Community, Inpatient Distribution



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**Why Cincinnati VA?** I was drawn to the Veterans Affairs Health system as a pharmacy student by its variety of clinical practice opportunities and advocacy for pharmacists. Working on an interdisciplinary team to give quality healthcare to underserved patients fit my vision as a future pharmacist. The Cincinnati VAMC offered a PGY1 program well-balanced

between outpatient and inpatient care, as well as multiple rotations in psychiatric pharmacy, my primary clinical interest. The teaching certificate, research and publishing opportunities, and leadership development were all strongly convincing. Above all else, however, was how welcoming, supportive, and passionate the RPD, the PGY1 residents, and the pharmacy team were during my interview. I knew I was at the right place for professional growth and community!

**Areas of Interest:** Psychiatry, Pain Management, Internal Medicine, LGBTQ+ Healthcare